

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/EP2004/051228

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IPC 7 H04N7/24 H04N7/20 H04N5/44 H04N5/00

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1. claims: 1,5,6

avoiding interference by shifting the local oscillator by one or more synthesis intervals.

1.1. claims: 2,3,4

how and when to detect interference.

1.2. claim: 7

which amplitude to apply to a shifting of the local oscillator.

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